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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # ME-H-84
Mercer County

1. Name of Resource:
U.S. Post Office/ Harrodsburg

2. Original Owner:
U.S. Postal Service

3. Other Names:
U.S. Post Office

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location:
105 North Main Street

6. Owner's Name:
U.S. Postal Service [F]

7. Owner's Address:
105 North Main St. Harrodsburg, Ky.

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1982 _____
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Mercer Co. []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture b30 []
Secondary: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
See Attached.

14. History:
The first post office west of the Alleghenies was established in Danville in 1792. There was however, post rider who carried mail from Harrodsburg, Danville, Limestone, Madison, and Bourbon from 1789 to 1791. The first post office in Harrodsburg was established in 1794. The post office was known as Harrodsburgh until 1894 when the name was changed to Harrodsburg. There were 25 post masters until this building was built under the tenure of Mrs. Sue C. Beardsley.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person:

16. Date:
Original Building 1930 [3]
Addition []

17. Style:
Colonial Revival [51]
[]

18. Architect/Builder:
J. A. Wetmore

19. No. of Stories: [2.0]

20. Original Floor Plan:
NA []

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. X

22. Roof Form & Material: Original X
Low hip/ asbestos Not Original X

23. Structural Material:
Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material:
Brick : Flemish bond [B]
[]

25. Foundation Material:
Brick [B]

26. Major Alterations: None X
Moved/Rebuilt Other

27. Special Features:
None

28. Outbuildings:
None []

29. Original Function:
Post Office [04H]

30. Present Use:
Post Office [04H]

31. Condition:
Good [G]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No X

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:



34. Prepared by: F. Keightley / H. Powell

35. Organization: Har. / Mer. Landmark Assoc.

36. Date: 1986

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey X

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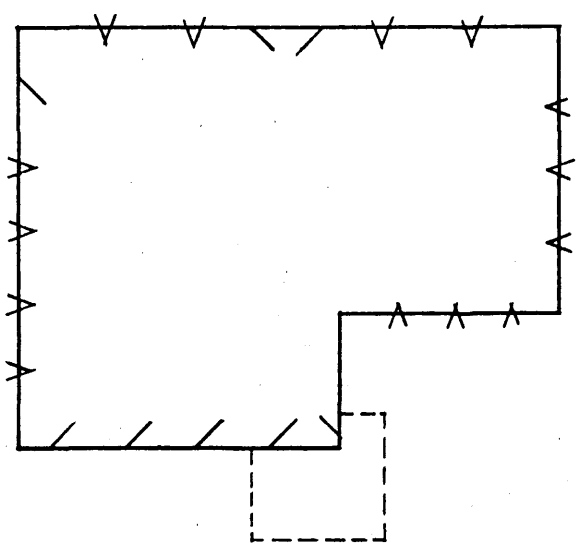
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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Harrodsburg 16 690000 4101440 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):
 A. ----- D. -----
 B. ----- E. -----
 C. ----- F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:
 44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See Attached.



45. Description and House Plan:

The Harrodsburg Post Office is a two-story brick structure located on one of the most prominent corners in downtown Harrodsburg. It has five bay facades on both Main and Lexington Streets. The central section of the Main Street facade projects forward approximately one foot from the main plane of the building. The projecting section contains the central entrance flanked on either side by a single window. The doorway itself has an arched door surround with both a fanlight and a transom. The windows to either side suggest a Palladian motif through their tripartite configuration. The windows nearest the corners of the building are rectangular in shape, but recessed within a brick arch similar in shape and size to the windows closest to the door. The rectangular windows are accented by jack arches of brick and stone as are the windows on the Lexington Street facade of the building. The second floor windows are smaller and simpler than the first story windows. They are accented by brick jack arches and a stone keystone. The roofline meets the facade with a wide stone cornice and overhanging bracketed eaves. There are gabled dormers in the low hip roof.

13. Continued:
 the Georgian style architecture used in the pre-revolutionary colonies of the eastern seaboard.

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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name U.S. Post Office-Harrodsburg Site # MeH-84
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title MERCER COUNTY MRA

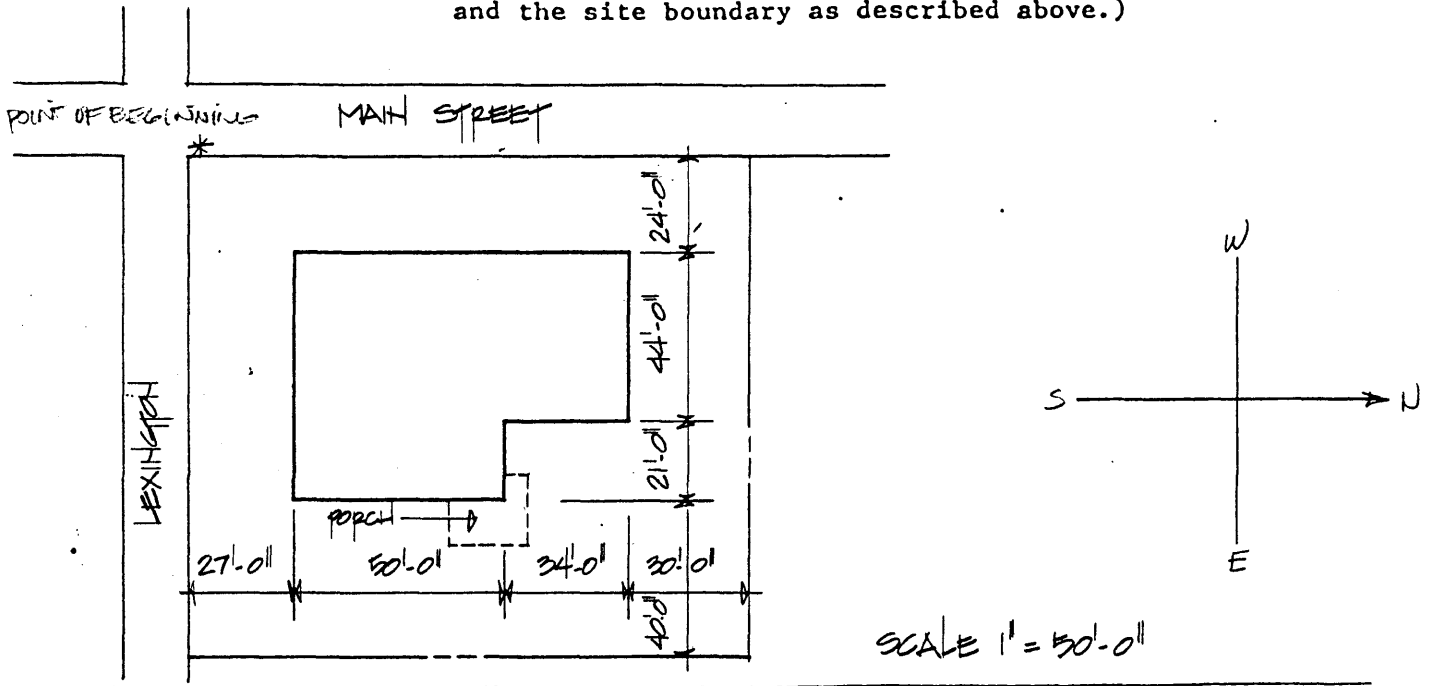
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage .43

From a point of beginning 24 feet west and 27 feet south of the southwest corner of the building; then north 141 feet to a point; then east 129 feet to a point; then south 141 feet to a point; then west 129 feet to the point of beginning.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Continuation sheet: U.S. Post Office/Harrodsburg (Me-H-84)

Statement of Significance

The U.S. Post Office/ Harrodsburg is significant under Criterion C for the period 1930 as an example of an institutional building ornamented with elements from the Colonial Revival style such as fanlights over the doorways, English bond brickwork, and keystones over the windows.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen to follow the property lines historically associated with the Harrodsburg Post Office.

The nominated area contains one contributing building.